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THE UNDERGROUND

Students Bannished To Scarberia

By Vangie Nitsopoulos

"The humiliation of being assigned to the Scarborough Campus of the University of Toronto stings."

This is the message that is being conveyed to highschool and University students across Canada by author Linda Frum in her book, **Linda Frum's Guide to Canadian Universities.**

Published by Key Porter, the guide provides informal academic and social descriptions of Universities across Canada.

Frum explains the stigma that is attatched to the suburban campus at the University of Toronto (U of T) of being second rate colleges in a first rate teaching establishment.

"Scarborough students have the feeling that they are punished by being bannished to the suburbs" said Frum in a recent interview.

According to Frum, she interviewed a cross-section of students from Scarborough Campus and the downtown campus to come to the conclusion that there exists a certain downgraded attitude about attending Scarborough Campus.

"Even though I live close to Scarborough Campus, I never wanted to come here,"reveals one first-year Scarborough student who wished to remain anonymous. "It's just embarrassing when you tell people downtown that you come from Scarborough Campus."

Indeed, Scarborough Campus seems to be the butt of many "downtowner's" jokes. Henry Leung, a Student Administrative Council (SAC) director for University College jokes that, "telling people you're from Scarborough College U of T would provoke the same reaction as if you were to tell people that you're rich but have been diagnosed as having a terminal desease."

"From an economic point of view" adds Leung, "they (the suburban campuses) are truly an innefficient use of the University's scarce and vital resourses."

Yet this point of view is, at the same time, not shared by all downtown students. Frances Misasi, a student at the Faculty of Education and a graduate of Victoria College explains that, "more students are choosing Scarborough as their first choice because of the demographics. The population is building around that area. As a result, students are choosing a college closer to home."

"A degree is a degree is a degree" adds Misasi, "if you are going to get the same piece of paper, why travel an hour downtown if you don't have to, for the same piece of paper."

Many other students are also quick to point out that the 76% cut-off grade of New and Innis

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Feds To Cut Funds

By Mark McCarvill (CUP)

Despite protests from student and community groups, federal funding for summer employment will probably decrease next summer.

Youth Minister Jean Charest said as long as the unemployment rate for youth keeps declining, the level of federal funding will do the same.

Since 1984, the unemployment rate for returning students has fallen 2%.

In the same period, summer job funding has decreased 12%, from $201 million in 1984 (increasing to $205 million in 1985) to $180 million in 1986.

The budgetted figure of $180 million for 1987 represents a 4% decrease.

"Youth unemployment has gone down," Charest said, "so it would be logical that the level of funding not remain the same."

Charest said the government's overall policy is to strengthen the economy, and thereby improve employment conditions.

"You can create all the programmes in the world - the basic rule is the economy has to go well." he said.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), on the other hand, has proposed that the government establish a base budget for the summer Challenge programmes of $205 million, the 1985 level, and index the budget to the rate of inflation.

While the national rate of youth unemployment has gone down, the Atlantic provinces and B.C. remain stubborn pockets of joblessness.

In July, 6,000 or 25.7% of young people in Newfoundland, for example, couldn't find a summer job.

Tying the level of funding to the national rate of unemployment and therefore, reducing the amount of money available, would force the government to "trade off" poor regions against one another, said CFS Executive Officer Todd Smith.

Including private companies in the summer programmes is another government policy that disturbs CFS and community groups like the Save Our Summer coalition.

Before 1985, only non-profit organizations could take advantage of the summer programmes, but in 1987 the private sector received about 30% of the wage subsidies.

The government says that students make more money working in the private sector doing a wider variety of jobs.

According to CFS, the gross wage of a student participating in Challenge '87 through a private sector was $2,800, compared to $1,700 in the non-private sector.

Richmond Hotte, Ottawa representative of SOS, admits private sector jobs pay more, but says non-profit organizations provide more valuable services, like daycare.

Hotte points out that non-profit organizations, unlike private companies, could not provide jobs without government funding.

According to a government evaluation of Challenge '86, 4,961 private sector jobs would not have been created without government funding; 26,084 non-profit jobs, on the other hand, relied entirely on Challenge '86 money.

According to a March 1987 brief by SOS, "the new result of the government's policy with regards to the private sector is mostly to reduce the wage costs of companies and corporations."

Charest said, however, that "jobs cost the government less to create in the private sector even though the private sector offers a better to the student."

Charest said he therefore, expects the same ratio, 30% private to 70% non-profit, of funding next summer.

CFS said even private sector wages through the programme are too low to get a student through a year of university.

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EDITORIAL

Scarborough's Study Space. The Biggest Joke On Campus.

Students have been bitching about a lack of adequate study space for years now. So what's all the fuss about? An elite group of selfish, outspoken individuals who would prefer to have better quality study space, have been crusading through the halls of Scarborough Campus in a self-serving plot to get educated.

These students claim that they need study facilities which are void of sound. Apparently they can't study in halls which richly echo the hearty cheers of their fellow classmates. Nor can they tolerate the frolicking patter of romantic couples scurrying into dark corners.

How arrogant of these students to expect the University of Toronto to provide a study area which is lit by money wasting electric light bulbs. If they had any discipline these students would complete their homework during daylight hours and reserve the evenings for quiet thought and discussion in the candle lit privacy of their homes.

Instead, through their own irresponsible actions, these students are forced to study well past the twelve midnight curfew imposed by the Scarborough Campus Administration. They complain that more time is needed to accomplish their academic goals, and demand that the school be accessible to students round-the-clock!

What a waste of time and money. Imagine having the University of Toronto open for 24 hours. Just because almost every other university in Canada has this inefficient policy is no reason for our great university to stoop so low.

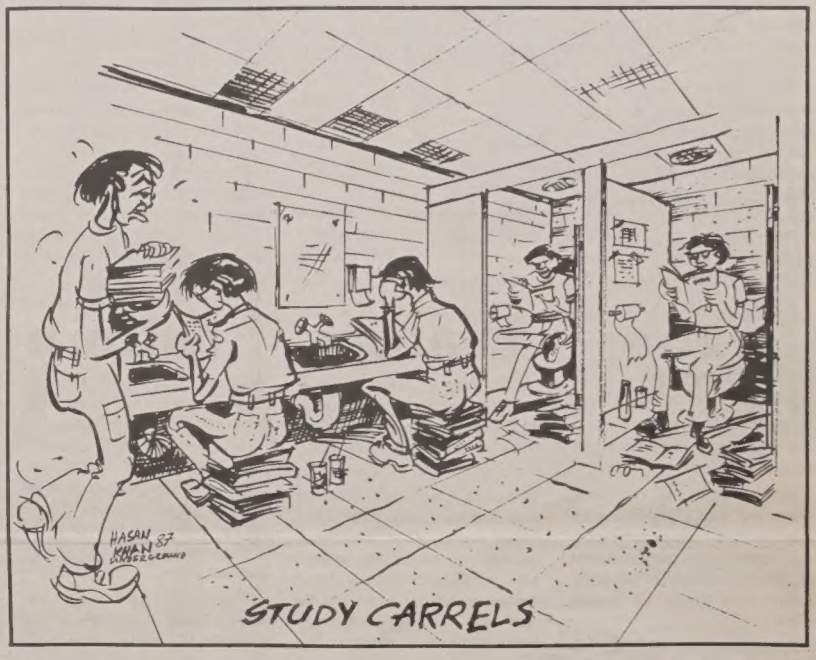
In fact, students in general have become incredibly "wimpy" over the years. Whinings and wimperings can be heard down the S-wing and H-wing corridors during the winter months. Hopefully these sniveling students will toughen up as a result of the U of T plan to lower the internal temperature of the campus to an arctic climate, and prepare students for "the real world".

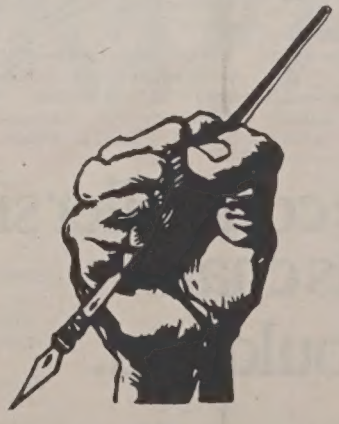
The only students which seem to be happy are the cigarette smokers. These Scarborough Scabs have finally been recognized by the U of T administration, and acting out of utter sympathy, have now allowed students to smoke in designated smoking zones.

Most smokers are overjoyed with the thought of studying and smoking in the H-wing cafeteria. It is so clean, quiet and odourless. Better yet, some smokers have elected to study in The Pub. Entertainment is provided here for the robust serious academics.

Well **The Underground** will have no part in this ridiculous cause. Studying in a well lit, quiet area is completely unnecessary. We at **The Underground** agree with the U of T administration, that if there is a problem, someone will look into it as soon as possible.

Until then, we should all toughen up and consider ourselves privileged that our tuition and taxes have provided us with the most stunning H-wing patio garden ever created.





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Anita's nose helped the Underground lose their touch football game last week. "She wasn't my first pick", claimed Zain. Sharon thinks Vangie would be an excellent wide receiver...Sharla wants to do a 12 page graffiti feature, Cathy wants a 12 page news section, and Felix says he can satisfy everyone. I can't wait for our next longgggg weekend.

NEWS

Study Space Needed

By Mike Morrow

Better conditions and 24 hour access to study space are Scarborough students' primary needs as expressed in the recent **Underground** study space survey.

Over 93% of responses favoured the idea of having a separate study area that is open around the clock.

One third year student commented, "During the end-of-term crunch, being able to stay at school overnight would be especially convenient for those students who have a long way to travel."

Poor lighting and noise problems were the major complaints expressed by students. Roughly 66% of the responses stated that lighting was inadequate.

The S-wing corridors and the Campbell Lounge were most often selected as the areas requiring better lighting.

83% of responding students voiced their concern that noise levels were also unacceptibly high.

An unnamed second year student stated, "We should have a lower noise level, so I can concentrate on homework more effectively."

Principal Ronald G. Williams acknowledges the problem with S-wing and H-wing lighting.

While he expressed hope that this situation would be rectified soon, he did not have as much optimism for reducing noise levels.

The difficulty lies in the location of the study carrels.

Before the placement of carrels in the S-wing, the equivalent study space was housed in the large quiet rooms on the fourth floor of the R-wing.

This prime space has since been converted to language labs and an economics micro-computer study space.

The problem dealing with the management of space results from the lack of a clear cut policy.

Such a policy could define whose responsibility it would be to remedy the situation.

Dialing For $

By Felix Tan

The Scarborough Campus Alumni Association will be organizing a phonathon from Oct 26 to Nov 12 to raise funds for the campus.

It is hoped that this phonathon campaign will surpass last year's, which managed to raise approximately $4,000.

Proceeds will go towards such projects as teaching awards, the Watts Lecture, and various scholarships.

"This year will be different," said Elaine Fanning, Scarborough SAC liason and co-ordinator of the phonathon, "a more aggressive campaign has been planned."

In order to gather more pledges, a professional telemarketing company will be training the students, and supervising them during the three weeks.

As well students will be paid an hourly wage of $5.25 upon completion of the training, to be held on Sunday, Oct 25 in H-305.

According to Linda Cahill, Information Officer, the list of alumni phone numbers had been updated, and she is hopeful that the Alumni Association will be able to increase donations from the 5% obtained last year.

"This a golden opportunity for students who wish to get into telemarketing," said Shaw MacLeod, of Shaw MacLeod Associates, the telemarketing company training the fund raisers.

Any students who are interested in registering for the training session are asked to see Elaine Fanning at the SAC Info Centre.

Frum Blames Admin For Stigma

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college are only two per cent higher than the 74% cut-off grade of the Erindale and Scarborough campuses.

Indeed, Frum, in her book points out that, "The difference between New College downtown and Scarborough may well turn on fifteen minutes of studying before your grade 13 French exam."

Frum however, is quick to explain that the criticism in her book is not geared towards Scarborough students. "There is no difference in the quality of students and education between Scarborough and downtown. The fault, says Frum, lies in the downtown administration at Simco Hall.

According to Frum, U of T reluctantly expanded to include the suburbs after receiving pressure from the government.

"They (U of T administration) wanted to keep the university an elite and prestigious institution," stated Frum. "As a result they created a two-tiered system where preferred students attend the downtown campus while the rest of the students are bannished to the suburbs."

Frum goes so far as to state that the U of T administration, "goes out of their way to downgrade Scarborough." Thus creating the stigma for Scarborough students.

SAC director and Scarborough student Brian Burchell, however, feels that, "Ms. Frum" is being "facecious and unfair to read these statements into the government of the institution."

He rejects the idea that there is a certain negative stigma that singles out Scarborough among all the university colleges. "There are negative attitudes attatched to all divisions in the University" Burchell states.

"Scarborough has an unparalleled diversity of it's programs," added Burchell. "There are pro's and cons attached to Scarborough like there are in any other university division."

"I don't feel humiliated (in being affiliated with Scarborough) at all." said Burchell.

Scarborough Campus Principal, Ronald G. Williams, however, stated that Frum's comments hold, "a strong element of truth."

There are different things that the university Administration could have done with Scarborough and Erindale," said Williams, "but the attitude has changed a great deal over the past 20 year period."

Principal Williams admits that, originally, the suburban campuses were set up with the intention of servicing the spillover of downtown students who adhered to a general, rather than an honours program.

Since then, however, Scarborough Campus has developed into a respected academic system which provides students with programs not offered anywhere else.

"Our co-op and neuro-science programs, for example, are excellent programs and very highly respected," stated Williams.

"On top of this, he added, "the number of students who put Scarborough as their first choice goes up every year."

Asked if he feels that the downtown administration still harbours certain opinions of inferiority towards Scarborough, Williams admits that, "old habits die hard."

At the same time, however, Williams stated that, "Scarborough students sometimes have a certain paranoia concerning Scarborough's reputation."

Scarborough Campus Student Council (SCSC) president Hanif Sarangi stated that Frum's book, "vastly underrates Scarborough's favourable qualities" by failing to mention many of Scarborough's attributes.

"The life in rez (residence) is far superior than anything you'd get downtown" said Sarangi. "She doesn't mention the fact that we have a better teacher/student ratio and there's more personal attention given to students because of the smaller classes."

"I do admit that there is a stigma attatched to Scarborough" Sarangi concludes, "but once you get here it's a hidden gem. There's so much opportunity available at Scarborough that I don't feel students are missing anything at all."

Frum admits that there is already a change in attitudes about Scarborough but, "what Administration has to realize is that U of T has enough talent to fill all three campuses."

"The University of Toronto is still a very elite institution" concludes Frum, "even with Scarborough and Erindale."

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thicker than any cheese.

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eyes cross
faces contort
two tongues
wiggle
their slime on each other.

The cries of love,
"Don't stop, please
don't stop;
make me woman;
oh God, yes yes yes;
oooooh...
are endearments
so precious.

Extinguishing each
flame,
dripping with raw sweat,
their organs red and
slippery,
they leave the room
unaware of the other's
name.

Lazlo

My Prince has Come

I never thought
That I would fall in love
But then you came along.
And now,
My downfall is imminent:

Because my head is in the
clouds,
My vision is now obscured.
Because I can think of only
you,
I can no long concentrate to
drive.
Because love has made me
lose desire for food,
I am slowly starving.
Because you cannot be with
me,
I toss and turn at night.

Love will lead to my ruination
But think how badly off
I would have been
If you hadn't come along.

Premlata Poonai

My connection
to you
is through
the pen.

Love propels
the poem.

My head is
all heart,
and my heart
is all words.

I hand to you
my heart
it is full
and if you
press it against yours
the words will

seep out...

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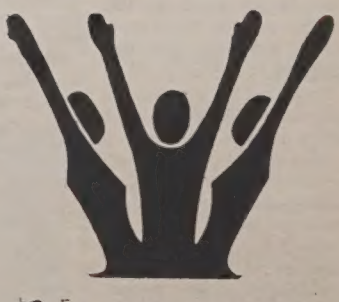

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ENTERTAINMENT

Apartheid Huemourous

By Lisa Burley

Adapt or Dye! This is the catchy title of Pieter-Dirk Uys' satirically hilarious one-man show, now playing at Hart House Theatre.

Granted, there's nothing funny about the South African Apartheid crisis. However, it is that government, Uys says, that provides him with his material.

It's all fact, and Uys cleverly adds the spice that makes it delectably ironic. He caricaturizes political figures and imitates their circular hypocracies until one end meets the other.Uys successfully allows their ridiculous nature to shine through.

Meanwhile, the audience is revelling in the kind of delicious satire that people with political convictions would really prefer to laugh at.

Uys, himself, is an Afrikaner. Born in Cape Town, 1945, he recieved his B.A. in drama and graduated from London Film School with honours. Since then, his various one-man revues have been performed over two thousand times throughout South Africa.

How he keeps his productions from being banned, and himself from being exiled, lies in the whiteness of his skin, not the content of his work.

The show reveals every stereotype of white South African society, and statespeople. Uys constantly refocusses his presentation from stiuations and personalities that we Canadians can identify with, to those situations and personalities that are particular to South Africa.

The stereotypical characters constitute a fine blend of that which is human nature, and that which can be human error. Such characters constitute such traits as greed, lust, and obstinance.

The curious thing is that in these stereotypes it is almost too easy to see yourself (or, more comfortably, at least someone you know).Through Uys' comedy, one may be disturbingly able to see themselves as a white Afrikaner.

The performance is a definite success. Amid the laughing Canadians, Uys gets his own laugh by making comparisons between South Africa's homelands for blacks, and Canada's Indian reservation system.

He smirks that "democracy is too good a thing to share with just anyone."

Adapt or Dye!, is an evening of witty entertainment by a performer of inexhaustible creativity and energy.

Party Worth Celebrating

By Tracey Okolisan

The Graduate Centre's rendition of Harold Pinter's **The Birthday Party**, is a powerfully emotional, aesthetic experience.

Now playing at the Robert Gill Theatre, this play combines a solid interpretation of the text with artistic excellence thus making it most enjoyable.

Set in the fifties at a seaside boarding house in England, the drama centres around Stanley Webber, a has-been pianist, hiding from his own fears and longings.

It is with the appearance of two gangster-like intruders, Goldberg and McCann, that his deeply embedded guilt surfaces.

Ultimately, Webber's mental and physical breakdown causes the appearance of the external perpetrators and his own shame.

All of this occurs on a day which has been appointed his birthday.

Under the direction of Anita Press, the actors were perfectly cast and fed off one another's energy. Their timing rarely faltered and a good pace was present throughout.

Petey and Meg Boles, the elderly landlords of the boarding house, were well portrayed and their characters greatly complimented each other. Rachel Campbell, as Meg, was especially outstanding in her role.

The choice of music was appropriate but the pianist/vocalist gave an unpolished performance of the material.

The set depicted the rustic setting. Costumes and make-up gave each actor the precise look required for their characters.

To search for a clear-cut meaning in this play is futile. With Pinter, there is no one meaning.

He has created a totally irrational world, far beyond the Absurdist Literature of Beckett and Kafka. As one of the actors reflected, Stanley Webber could represent the vulnerability present in all of us.

Together, the director, actors and technicians, successfully carry out the challenge of staging Pinter's **The Birthday Party**.

A Roaring Good Time

By Felix Tan

Last Thursday, Students' Administrative Council (SAC) brought to The Pub stage, folk singer Mike Woods.

A sell out crowd of 160 students paid the $2.50 cover charge and were not disappointed.

Woods had the crowd on his side, entertaining requests and inviting audience involvement.

"He really did a good job," said Art Trotman, Chairman of SAC Scarborough, "and enthralled the crowd as a whole."

Along with an excellent repertoire of songs, Woods highlighted his act with... are you ready for this?... a good imitation of Bob Dylan's imitation of Led Zeppelin's hit, "Stairway to Heaven".

"It's a great way to escape studying for mid-term," said Sharon Parenteau, "especially when you're starting to turn into a dough head."

And, on Friday, The Pub hosted a DJ Nite in front of a good turnout of 130 students.

Featuring Odyssey (the DJ), the cover charge of $1 appealed to many of the students. Janet Lopes, a fourth year student,commented on the great attendance, "I've never seen this Pub so busy on a Friday night before".

The dancing did not start off immediately, but once students hit the groove, they lived up to the theme of the night "Dance 'til you drop".

"The Pub did a terrific job in scheduling this event," said U of T frosh Christina Lee, "(especially) since this was a long weekend."

John Ricketts visiting from University of Western Ontario (UWO) echoed the sentiment stating that it was a great socializing event for such a small pub.

Even Pub Manager Dev-on Tomlinson had a good time, catching the attention of the students by dancing up a storm.

"It was a rockin' success," he said, "thanks to all those turned out."

A new breed of frolicking students appeared in The Pub last week

U2 Tour - Sizzling Hot

By Rachel Burden

The long-awaited and anticipated "Joshua Tree Tour" arrived in Toronto Saturday night for one of U2's three Canadian concert dates.

In their concert, U2 placed an obvious emphasis on "The Joshua Tree" album. "I will follow" and "October" were the only songs played from the first two albums.

A very effective intro for "Bullet the Blue Sky" was adapted using a Hendrix-like rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner".

U2 blessed their set further for the most moving part of the concert with a heart-wrenching version of "Help".

Despite a badly sprained left shoulder, Bono Vox continued to perform with his usual exhuberance.

Meanwhile, The Edge remained the silent genius. Clad in a New Mexican vest and broad hat, The Edge helped to reinforce the "American" theme U2 has shown on this tour.

As Amnesty supporters, U2 took the opportunity of this tour to promote the good works and philosophy of Amnesty International.

Petitions (several from the Scarborough Campus group) were posted outside the stadium prior to the start of the concert.

Towards the end of the concert, their message was displayed on a banner, which stated "Proclaim Freedom U2 Supports Amnesty International"

Unfortunately, the opening act, Los Lobos, did not help to set a very enthusiastic tone.

The crowd showed their disappointment with the band's remake of the Ritchie Valens hit "La Bamba" by sarcastically singing, "up your la bumba."

Little Steven (once known as Miami Steve) came and left the stage virtually ignored, except perhaps when he voiced a few unprintable words regarding Oliver North.

The cold temperature didn't stop fans from responding heartily to U2 by dancing and singing along with every song.

It was a huge crowd of approximately 65,000 fans. Somehow there was a feeling of unity that isn't common with all CNE Stadium shows.

The impact of this peculiar closeness was best shown during the last song of the encore, "40", when the entire stadium audience sang long after U2 had left the stage.

Even in the cold, U2 was hot.

SPORTS

C--H--O--K--E--D

Sport Commentary

By Bruce MacDonald

Did the Blue Jays choke? Of course they choked, and anyone who denies it is living in another plane of reality.

Just about everybody in this city has been avoiding the C-word when describing the Toronto Blue Jays' embarrassing finish to the 1987 baseball season. Try saying it slowly: "th--ey ch--o--k--ed."

What is it about the Toronto Blue Jays that makes them practically immune to criticism in this town?

Imagine a Maple Leafs team with Wayne Gretzky, Grant Fuhr, Raymond Bourque and Rick Tochett. Each of them is probably the best in the world at what he does. If that team were to drop a 3-game advantage in a playoff series, does anybody believe the media would even hesitate to go for the throat and shout, "choke! choke! choke!"?

A Blue Jays team with George Bell, Jimmy Key, Tony Fernandez and Tom Henke is no different than the afore-mentioned dream team, and yet, for more than a week now, all that we have heard from the media, with a couple of exceptions, is a boatload of gutless excuses and smarmy, "Thank-you-for-a-great-season"s.

"If we had Fernandez and Whitt, boy," they cry, "We would've shown 'em." Nonsense! The Tigers lost Kirk Gibson for 35 games due to injuries, and Willie Hernandez's recurring arm problems have turned him into a bum, and left the Detroit bullpen a shambles: The fact that they were even close at the end of the season illustrates the fault in the injuries excuse. All teams get injuries; winners get around them.

"If anyone's happy with this season, then I think they're losers...it's a lost season." I wish I had said that, but, in fact, Blue Jays catcher Ernie Whitt did. When a team can win and yet they do not win, they are losers.

The Montreal Expos, for instance, are not losers; the Toronto Blue Jays are.

True baseball fans, though, will not let that bother them too much. Unquestionably, some Blue Jay fans will be bitter that the Jays, who are a far better team than the Tigers, are off somewhere fishing right now. However, as baseball fans, we should be thrilled to have had the chance to live through a truly great divisional race.

With a week remaining in the season, the Jays were three outs away from being four and a half games ahead of the Tigers. A ninth-inning, game-tying home run by Kirk Gibson off Tom Henke marked the beginning of the end.

The bats froze. In a three-game series with Milwaukee, the fearsome Blue Jay lineup managed to make three barely-mediocre pitchers, Bill Wegman, Chris Bosio and Juan Nieves, look like Hall-of-Famers. After each game, we all believed that our boys were "due" to break out. Well, they didn't.

If I were not a painfully-devoted Blue Jay fan, I would be laughing my head off. The folks in Detroit were. They had just stolen the golden goose and crawled between the legs of the giant. They had taken the best team in baseball out of the playoffs.

If you are so inclined, you will be able to tell your grandchildren about the fortnight that baseball stood the city of Toronto on its ears: just don't be afraid to add that the Blue Jays, like an old driver, simply didn't know their clutch from their choke.

Blues Bounce Back

VARSITY BLUES

By Ann Byford

In an exceptionally exciting football game last Thursday, the U of T Varsity Blues bounced back from three straight losses this season and beat the York Yeomen in the 1987 Blue Bowl.

Photo by Rob Provenzano

Exciting play during the Blue Bowl at Varsity Stadium last week

Despite the loss of wide receiver Paul Shorten and running back Jim Urquhart due to injuries, strong performances by quarterback Rod Moors (Jeep Eagle Player of the Game), Rob Crifo, Ken Raymond and Tony Meyler helped the Blues to a 36-7 victory over the Yeomen.

The Blues' defensive unit was outstanding, blocking a field goal and thwarting five punt attempts by York.

Leading the pack was Rob Davidson (Defensive Player of the Game), Paul Burroughs, Steve Watts, "Billy Jack" Jeremic, Dave Blanch and Mark Johnstone.

The Blues' next chance to even the season's win/loss record is Oct 17 at 2 p.m., when they meet the Guelph Gryphons in Guelph.

"Fore" A Good Time

By Al Smith

Last week, the Scarborough Campus Athletic Association (SCAA) sponsored the 1987 Scarborough Open Golf tournament, an event that drew an interesting and competitive field of "golfers".

The weather was great, the participants enthusiastic, and even the bus ride to, and especially from, the course added to the enjoyability of the day with Scarborough's infamous, and witty Steve Cooke providing "on board" entertainment.

Their indulgence in excessive beverage consumption significantly enhanced the expertise of almost all the Scarberian players but, most notably, that of the victors.

Taking low honours was Chris O'Brien, who won with a five over par 32. Chris is also one of the low qualifiers on the Varsity Men's Golf Team.

Claire Berubé took the ladies' low, shooting a 54, while Dierdre Jarvis teamed up with O'Brien to win the co-ed title, combining for a 93.

Hopefully, this year's exhuberance will help secure the Scarborough Open's future. It has been recommended that the SCAA make it an annual event.

Sports Shorts

Charity Volleyball

A group of dedicated Scarborough volleyball players have decided to put their talents to work--charity work, that is. From 6pm Friday until 6pm Saturday, October 16 and 17, eighteen students will be playing volleyball in the Scarborough Campus gymnasuim in an effort to raise money for the Margaret Birch Wing of the Centenary Hospital. Based on a per hour sponsorship, all proceeds collected by the U of T students will be donated to the worthwhile charity. For further details, call the SCAA office at 284-3395.

Rugger

The Scarborough Interfac rugger team turned out an impressive performance last week, doubling Victoria College, 32-16. Roy Greto led the scoring with three tries; Brian Fraser added two tries and a convert; Tony Calabrese made one try, while his brother, Tom, scored three converts. The team hopes to continue on it's winning ways next Tuesday, October 20th at 4:30 against University College, in the valley.

HURRICANES

Photo by Ann Byford

Claire Berubé does it all: intramurals of every sort, interfaculty volleyball, flag football and soccer; you name it, Claire plays it.

Expanding her repertoire even further, Berubé, a third year Sociology student, won the SCAA's Scarborough Golf Open last week.

For her victory, and her consistent and sportsman-like performances here at Scarborough Campus, Hurricanes and **The Underground** congratulate Claire Berubé, Athlete of the Week.

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